

The Notice of Incomplete Reply required new drawings, alleging that the previously submitted drawings contained excessive text. Any excessive text has now been deleted from the amended drawings, and has been inserted into the specification. As the text is fully supported by the originally filed drawings, no new matter has been entered.

Additionally, an abstract is submitted herewith further in response to the requirement in the Notice of Incomplete Reply.

Finally, claim 6 is cancelled without prejudice.

The Notice also required the sequence listing in computer readable form, as well as a statement regarding the content of the sequence listing in the computer readable form.

These are presently submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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